(*a*) whether all the villages in the State have got qualified midwives appointed by the Public Health Department ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, will they take up the question now ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question has already been taken up and new midwifery centres are being opened in rural areas year after year.

Midwife at Arakozha.

165. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any complaint has been received from the public of Arakozha and adjoining places about the necessity of having a midwife in the centre of that locality ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will they sympathetically consider the request ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : (a) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Appointment of Midwives in rural areas.

166. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of midwives appointed in rural areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : 36.

Measures to improve the health of the people in rural areas.

167. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state the measures adopted by them in 1120 to improve the health of the people in the rural areas ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai : A *statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

Economic Development Board.

168. * **Mr. K. Shahul Hameed** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the number of members of the Economic Development Board ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to page 84 of Part I of the Travancore Directory for 1945.

Post-war Reconstruction.

169. * **Mr. M. Madhavan Namboothiri** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any Committee or Sub-Committees have been constituted to consider schemes of Post-war Reconstruction ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have submitted any reports ?

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